

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding a hSMMMyHC polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide has the following properties: (i) the polypeptide's activity includes ATPase function or the ability to bind actin; and (ii) the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence which has greater than 70% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:4; SEQ ID NO:6; SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, or SEQ ID NO:14 as measured using a sequence comparison algorithm.

2. An isolated nucleic acid sequence of claim 1, wherein the protein specifically binds to polyclonal antibodies generated against a protein comprising SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:4; SEQ ID NO:6; SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, or SEQ ID NO:14v

3. An isolated nucleic acid sequence of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid encodes SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:4; SEQ ID NO:6; SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, or SEQ ID NO:14.

4. An isolated nucleic acid sequence of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid has a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO1; SEQ ID NO:3; SEQ ID NO:5; SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, or SEQ ID NO:13.

5. An isolated nucleic acid sequence of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid selectively hybridizes under stringent hybridization conditions to a nucleic acid having a sequence of or a complementary sequence to SEQ ID NO1; SEQ ID NO:3; SEQ ID NO:5; SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, or SEQ ID NO:13.

6. An expression vector comprising a nucleic acid encoding an hSMMMyHC polypeptide, wherein the protein has the following properties: (i) the protein's activity includes ATPase function or the ability to bind actin; and (ii) the protein has a sequence that has greater than 90% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:4; SEQ ID NO:6; SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, or SEQ ID NO:14as measured using a sequence comparison algorithm.

7. A host cell transfected with the vector of claim 6.

8. An isolated hSMMMyHC polypeptide, wherein the protein has greater
5 than 90% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:4; SEQ ID
NO:6; SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, or SEQ ID NO:14 as
measured using a sequence comparison algorithm.

9. An isolated protein of claim 8, wherein the protein specifically binds to
10 polyclonal antibodies generated against a protein comprising SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID
NO:4; SEQ ID NO:6; SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, or SEQ ID
NO:14.

10. An isolated protein of claim 8, wherein the protein is SEQ ID NO:2;
15 SEQ ID NO:4; SEQ ID NO:6; SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, or
SEQ ID NO:14.

11. A method for screening for modulators of an hSMMMyHC polypeptide,
the method comprising the steps of:

- 20 (i) providing biologically active hSMMMyHC polypeptide, wherein has the
following properties: (i) activity including ATPase function or the ability to bind
actin; and (ii) sequence that has greater than 90% amino acid sequence identity to
SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:4; SEQ ID NO:6; SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID
NO:12, or SEQ ID NO:14.as measured using a sequence comparison algorithm;
- 25 (ii) contacting biologically active hSMMMyHC polypeptide with a candidate
agent in a test and control concentration; and
- (iii) assaying for the level of hSMMMyHC polypeptide activity, wherein the
hSMMMyHC polypeptide activity is selected from the group consisting of actin binding
activity or ATPase activity, and wherein a change in activity between the test and
30 control concentration indicates a modulator.

12. A method of claim 11, wherein the screening occurs in a multi-well

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